

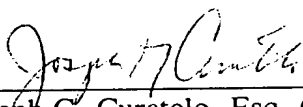
## REMARKS

The present patent application is a national stage patent application of International Application No. PCT/EP2002/010045, filed September 9, 2002, from which application the present application claims priority.

Amendments to the claims have been made to place the claims in U.S. format. Applicant submits that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather are for purposes of clarification and proper format.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above claims before the fees are calculated and earnestly solicits a formal Notice of Allowability directed to claims 1-18.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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